



FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE

STATE LODGE OF MICHIGAN



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Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

I am writing to express the support of the Michigan Fraternal Order of Police for SB-1109. As law enforcement officers we investigate crimes against Michigan's citizens. During the course of these investigations we arrest individuals suspected of committing these serious crimes. These individuals are convicted and sentenced to everything from probation, County Jail and or State Prison.

This situation plays out over and over again with many of these same individuals being arrested and convicted multiple times of very serious felonies. It becomes a revolving door, we arrest, Judges incarcerate, sentence served, inmate paroled.

Even after multiple convictions they commit additional offenses, in many instances the seriousness of the crimes as well as the associated violence escalates and all too often more innocent people become the victims of these repeat offenders.

Anyone with three of these felony convictions, and is back on the street, has been through this revolving door system enough. They will do whatever it takes to keep from being returned to prison. The only way to fully protect people from these violent repeat offenders is to remove them from society for an extended period of time.

The mandatory 25 year sentence for anyone convicted of a fourth serious crime, as defined in this legislation, is the best way to insure that these individuals will not be committing any more of these serious violent offenses.

The Michigan Fraternal Order of Police whole heartedly supports this legislation and asks for your support. Help us protect the people of Michigan and take these violent offenders off the street.

Sincerely,

John Buczek, Executive Director

Michigan Fraternal Order of Police